

Franklin County Industrial Building Authority
Preliminary IBA Meeting Minutes
Called Meeting
March 6th, 2024

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Mayor Lee Moore		Shane Scoggins
Mayor Courtney Umbehant		MJ Kneiser
Mayor Keith Turman		Carolee Coker
Mayor Annie Wallace		Amy Hanley
Mayor Missy Holbrook		Rope Roberts
Aubrey Lunsford		Courtney Long
Robert Isherwood		Cindy Youngblood
Kyle Foster		Kevin McCraney
Andrea Grant		
Tonya Powers (by phone)		
Rachel Howington		

A. Preliminaries

Mayor Lee Moore called the meeting to order at 8:31 am. There was no declaration of Conflict of Interest. Mayor Turman made a motion to accept the agenda and minutes as presented, Mayor Wallace seconded. All were in favor.

B. Old Business

1. No old business to discuss at this time.

C. New Business

1. There are several RFI's that are in the process of being completed but there isn't any more info at this time to report.

D. Miscellaneous

1. Strategic Plan/Targeted Industries
 - a. Rope Roberts presented a strategic plan/targeted industries proposal. This would be a 24-month plan for the Economic Developer to follow.
 - b. Robert Isherwood asked what the steps are in creating a strategic pan and how to allow public input.
 - c. Rope Roberts summarized the steps to create the plan. The goals in the strategic plan the leaders for Franklin County adopted 20 years ago have not been reached. Roberts mentioned that to attract industries you need product, infrastructure and workforce.
 - d. Chairman Moore reached out to the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education to see if they would partner with the IBA on a strategic plan.

- e. Tonya Powers stated that economic development has changed over the last 5 years. Franklin County is being passed up for projects due to the lack of infrastructure.

2. Intergovernmental Agreements

- a. Franklin Springs and Lavonia have passed Intergovernmental Agreements, but IBA has not voted on them yet. Chairman Moore advised that he would prefer to vote on all at the same time, so he is giving more time for the other cities to consider it.

E. Public Comment

- 1. Amy Hanley inquired if property owned by a private citizen listed on a Georgia Power website had a potential project.
 - a. Chairman Moore and Kevin McCraney, with GA Power, we're not aware of the property in question. McCraney added that GA Power lists properties for economic development opportunities.
- 2. Amy Hanley inquired about the CUVA breach that has been in recent news articles.
 - a. Chairman Moore explained that the CUVA breach issue and restated IBA's position and request to the Tax Commissioner to explain or correct the record.
- 3. Courtney Long inquired about water and sewer infrastructure issues regarding the growth that Franklin County is seeing.
 - a. Chairman Moore and Mayor Umbehant addressed the infrastructure issues in the county.

F. Adjournment

Motion by Mayor Umbehant to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mayor Turman. No discussion. Unanimous approval.

IBA Treasurer

Date

IBA Executive Secretary

Date